

Klondyke Tailings Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board Meeting

February 27, 2003
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Graham County General Services Building
921 Thatcher Boulevard
Safford, Arizona

DRAFT MINUTES

CAB Members in attendance:

Lynn Skinner
Noralea Gale
Michael Bryce
John Luepke

Members not in attendance:

Wilford Claridge
Mark Herrington
Anne Zapf

ADEQ Staff in attendance:

Monica Mascareno, Community Involvement Coordinator
Ed Pond, Project Manager

Others in attendance:

Bill Griffin

CIU #: 03-268

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions, conducted by Lynn Skinner, co-chair.

Mr. Skinner introduced Bill Griffin, a potential CAB member who was present at the meeting.

2. Acceptance or Changes to the August 29th and November 7, 2002 Draft Minutes

Noralea Gale, CAB member, moved to accept both sets of minutes from April 29, 2002, and November 7, 2002. Michael Bryce, CAB member, seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Review of CAB Membership

Mr. Skinner had previously introduced Bill Griffin as an attendee of this meeting. Mr. Griffin expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Klondyke Tailings CAB. Monica Mascareno, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, agreed to fax a CAB application to Mr. Griffin.

4. Discussing and Voting on New CAB Member

The CAB discussed and voted on the CAB member application submitted by Mark Haberstick. Ms. Mascareno gathered an official tally, to reflect the CAB members' individual votes, by asking each CAB member to state a yes or no vote to accept Mr. Haberstick as a new member. Mr. Haberstick was unanimously accepted as a new member.

5. Nomination and Voting on Co-Chair Positions

Ms. Gale moved to have Mr. Skinner continue as co-chair. John Luepke, CAB member, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. Mr. Bryce motioned to have Mr. Luepke become a co-chair, Ms. Gale seconded the motion. That motion was unanimously passed.

6. Site Update, (Project Manager: Ed Pond)

Mr. Pond began by describing how ADEQ's budget will affect future work: there is still some funding available for the time period throughout the end of this fiscal year. It is not known how much funding will be available for the next fiscal year. The WQARF program will probably suffer high cut-backs in the budget, and site work will have to be prioritized. This may affect the work that can be done on Klondyke.

There is currently enough funding to complete the work that was started in the last year: the survey and field work, reports, topographic maps, aerial photos, and the acid-base accounting and flood plain analysis. It is also very possible that funding will allow biological and archaeological surveys of the flood plain. There will probably not be enough funding to carry out any of the Early Response work that had been proposed for Klondyke, depending upon how it is viewed as a priority.

In response to an inquiry from a CAB member regarding spending money on studying the site vs. a quick and temporary solution, Mr. Pond explained that without the needed information, there probably isn't enough control to accurately remediate the site. He further explained that the amount of money spent on studying a site, is ordinarily significantly less than on cleaning up a site.

Suggestions were made by CAB members for possible flood and bank protections that could be used at Klondyke, for relatively low costs. (Following the CAB meeting, Lynn Skinner showed Mr. Pond and Ms. Mascareno field examples of Kelner Jacks used along the Gila River to protect bridges).

7. Discussion of Changing Meeting Location

It was suggested to have the next meeting in Klondyke in hopes of increasing the attendance of the meeting. All CAB members present were in agreement.

8. Future Meeting Plans

The CAB decided to tentatively plan on the second Thursday afternoon in June for the next CAB meeting. It was agreed upon to try to have the next CAB meeting in Klondyke.

9. Call to the Public

There were no questions or comments from the audience members.

Mr. Bryce moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Skinner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.